

**THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE  
OF CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**Date: May 17, 2008**

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- 1. Call To Order.** The regular monthly meeting of the San Diego County Community Committee of Co-Dependents Anonymous (the "Committee") was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by the Community Rep, Frank. The CoDA Traditions and Intention Statement were read.
- 2. Approval of Minutes.** Jackie – "Thank you to Nancy for taking my place last month" Jackie announced there were copies of the April 19 minutes available. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as written. A sheet of paper was passed around to the members for the phone list. Jackie will also email a corrected phone list each month. (Reminder: NO EXTRA TIME WILL BE TAKEN TO READ THE MINUTES during the meeting. The minutes are emailed to everyone who has their email on the sign in sheet).

**3. Reports**

**Community Representative – Frank –**

We had a very enthusiastic response to our request for group reps to meet our quorum requirements last month. So thank you to all those who got the word out and to those who met the call to serve. Thanks too go to Nancy for filling in for our Secretary, and a warm "welcome back" Jackie

We had a request for help from a meeting last month with respect to sponsors. I think we failed to address that request effectively, so I have been thinking about what we might do to follow up on that request. I'd like to see us put our heads together on this subject to see if we can come up with a solution. I believe that a lack of information regarding sponsors is an issue that goes well beyond this one meeting.

The May 31, 2008 SoCal Conference is now only two weeks off. Let's all beat the attendance bushes. This is going to be an amazing event with wonderful speakers and workshops, and don't forget to talk up the dance!

I have done a little investigating with regard to the slowness of the CoDA National H & I "Books for Jails Program". I spoke with Sandra, the chair for the program, on Wednesday. She, with a little help from Lori in Maryland, are the only ones running the show. They are simply overwhelmed and in desperate need of at least one other person, an email coordinator. Also, San Diego's own H & I chair, Lynne, needs help. It is critical for the San Diego jail program's continued success to have one or more additional people attend the meetings. Lynne often has to go it alone.

We need to thank Joe, our literature chair, for updating the SDCCoDA web page. He saved our necks this time but we need to figure out how we are going to handle this chair position in the future. I don't think updates to our web site is a task that we want to let slide. Also, we

need to thank Joe for cutting our rates for literature! He will explain how he managed to do this in his report.

Last, but certainly not least, we need a Workshops, Panels and Seminars chair, if we are to have a Super Seminar in the fall!

- **Alternative Community Representative.** – France - No report.
- **Parliamentarian.** Johnny - Johnny briefly described the guidelines and procedures for bringing action items and discussion items to the Committee for discussion and action, as well as other rules of order to facilitate appropriate flow of the Committee meetings.
- **Treasurer.** - Lori provided the regular monthly report to everyone and it is attached to the secretary's minutes.
- **Regional Representative** - Nancy – Just a quick reminder that the next SoCal CoDA Board meeting and Assembly will be held in San Diego during the SoCal CoDA conference.

The board meeting will be on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6. The Assembly will be on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 12-2. SoCal CoDA will be providing lunches on a first-come first-served basis at the Assembly. The main business of the Assembly will be to elect next year's Board and to vote on any motions that have been submitted.

All SoCal CoDA meetings are open, and welcome participation. Please pass the info to your home groups that everyone's participation is welcomed and encouraged.

The dates for the CoDA World meetings and convention can be found in their Quarterly Service Report (QSR) which you can access online.

- **Alternate Regional Representative.** Trevor – absent - no report.
- **Panels/Workshops and Seminars.** Position open – no report.
- **Public Information/Mail** Csilla –

There were thirteen pieces of mail collected this month, either bills or 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. They were passed on to Lori.

- **Public Information/Telephone.** Bonnie

There were three calls this month. These calls were referred to either Outreach

- **Website Master.** Position opened – Joe reported on a couple changes he made on the website.

**Hospitals & Institutions** Lynne – There was a panel for H&I at the end of May's Speaker's meeting and it was very successful. Lynne, Marilyn & Kirk were panelists. There were so many questions that they had to finally cut it off at 9 pm.

They are still waiting for Raffi's clearance. Still need more people to help with H&I. "Books for Jails" is still short 13 books. Lynne also spoke about the card she received from inmates for Mother's Day. It was drawn by one of the inmates who is very artistic.

- **Literature.** Joe - Joe place an almost \$2,000 order for conference with whatever is left going to our supplies. He will be proposing a reduced cost for literature in the business part of the meeting. In a couple months he would like to get several groups to commit to larger orders of the Big Book so he can place an order for 100 books, which brings the cost down a lot.
- **Outreach.** Deborah & Scott - There are 500 more flyers available today from Outreach. **Please take them back to your groups** and distribute them where appropriate. The flier has been set up in an email format and a letter format, which Scott read. There was a discussion about a June 21 activity.
- **Newsletter.** – Lesa – Copies of the June newsletter were handed out. Included was a flier to copy and **take back to your groups** for the Newcomer Reception to be held at the conference.
- **Refreshments** - Nancy reported there is coffee and hot water for tea & decaf today.
- **Activities** Stephen - There will be a dance and karaoke at the conference. Also the June 21<sup>st</sup> activity is being planned.
- **Conference report:** France reported on the 2008 So Cal CoDA Conference that will be held at the Town & Country in Mission Valley on May 30 – June 1, 2008:

There will be a walk thru at the convention center Monday at noon. 30 cup (or larger) coffee pots and water containers are needed. Volunteers are still needed for Registration, entertainment committee, decorating, hospitality suite, literature sales, journal and pen sales, (pens will also be sold alone) and people or groups to host the ongoing marathon meetings throughout the conference. **Please ask the members of your groups to volunteer** and contact France at [alt-rep@sdccoda.org](mailto:alt-rep@sdccoda.org) All are invited to the Newcomers Reception at the Hospitality Suite on Friday from 4-6. The workshop lists and topics are on the SoCalCoDA.org website. The conference has met the minimum for rented rooms so the conference rooms will be free. 70 are pre-registered at this time. There will be Spanish registration forms available.

- **By Law Committee** – has been postponed till after the conference.

**Announcements:** **There WILL be a speakers meeting** on Sunday 6/1 even though website and newsletter say there won't be. It will include a 15 minute speaker and open shares.

## 5. Quorum

The group representatives and officers of the meetings introduced themselves and the secretary confirmed a quorum was present (18 voting members). 14 voting members constitute a quorum. (A quorum is 30% of the voting members of the community, which changes as positions are filled, and groups are started or disbanded. Based on 16 positions filled and 24 groups = 40 divided by 30% = 13 voting members) (actually 13.333 rounded down is 13)

## 6. Old and New Business

- A motion by Joe to change the literature prices next month and leave prices the same (as they are currently) for the conference. The history of this issue and future use was discussed. A copy of both the current and proposed forms were passed around. After a moment of silence, a vote was taken: 18-0-0 Motion passed
- A motion from Raffi that was tabled last month: “to have the Website be amended to add a section for people that wish to list their name and email address who are available to be sponsors” was seconded by Deborah so we could discuss it further. After a moment of silence, a vote was taken: 0-17-1 motion failed
- A discussion was led by Frank regarding lack of a Chairperson for Workshops, Panels & Seminars. If we want a SSS this fall, we need to find a chair. Carolyn volunteered so a motion was presented by Lesa and seconded by Nancy to elect Carolyn as the Workshops, Panels & Seminars chair. After a moment of silence, a vote was taken: 18-0-0 Motion passed
- A discussion was led by Frank regarding lack of a webmaster for the community. A motion was made by Frank and seconded by France to pay Joe (as before) \$20 per month as webmaster chair. After a moment of silence, a vote was taken: 16-0-2 Motion passed

## 7. Adjournment

The Committee accepted contributions from the members according to the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition, and there being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jackie Mc, Secretary

Next Meeting: Saturday, June 21, 2008